

Board of Education
Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Special Board Meeting – Committee of the Whole Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Board members in attendance: Larry Cyrus, Kalene Engel, Lynn Doelle, Bonnie Breza, and Karen Knospe. Rita Greshik attended by Zoom. Areny Bork was absent. Also in attendance: Jo-Ellen Fairbanks, Leah Wolfe and Nancy Brown.

Bonnie Breza made a motion to accept the agenda as listed. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Leah Wolfe, our food services director, explained how the food program is being organized and delivered during this pandemic. She also informed us of grants that are being researched and possibilities that are being explored for summer food distribution. Her proactive and innovative plans are appreciated.

Nancy Brown explained how our Treasure Trove Giving Circle would be designed and activated. Our goal is to gather at least \$25,000 in donations by the 25th of December. If we reach that goal, we will receive an additional 20% of our total as a matching gift. Information is available from the school office, on our website, on social media, from board members and from staff. Monies donated to the Giving Circle will be granted to programs or classrooms through a grant requesting process.

Policies governing use of school facilities and equipment by other than school personnel or groups were explained and discussed. It was agreed that these would be presented for action at the December business meeting.

The audit report was explained and discussed. It was agreed that these would also be presented for action of the December business meeting.

At our special meeting in March, a representative will speak to us about the options available for possible solar power use for our school. We are hoping that any community people with knowledge in this area will join us by Zoom or possibly in person.

Expectations and history of superintendent evaluations were discussed. It was agreed that Bonnie Breza and Jo-Ellen Fairbanks will meet to organize materials and make recommendations to the full board at our December business meeting.

Updates were given on progress being made to coordinate whenever possible with our technical colleges and/or universities to enable our students to earn college credit if possible, for courses taught within our curriculum. Our tech-ed staff will be seeking additional support to make this happen.

The revised Ready to Learn plan was presented, explained, and discussed. This will be brought to the December business meeting for action.

A School Advisory Team (SAT) has been formed and members have been chosen and named. SAT members represent each level of learners. Further description of goals, expectations and procedures will be provided after the group has had their organizational meetings. Special thanks to staff persons willing to take on this important role.

Rita Greshik made the motion to adjourn. Larry Cyrus seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.